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A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing and other winter sports and activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

PTARMIGAN EVENTS

Fall/Winter Ski & Fun Calendar

Happy Hour: Bill Ortnor: 5:30pm Every Friday

First Thursday at Callaghan's: Joe McDermott 6pm

Calendar of Events - Post In A Visible Location:

----- January -----		
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Jan 5	Thurs Night
Ptarmigan General Meeting: Fullerton	Jan 10	Tue 7:30p
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Jan 19	Thurs Night
EPSC Telluride, Co Trip: Bob Campbell	Jan 21-28	Sat-Sat
Ski Trip Whistler/Blk: Donna Westgate	Jan 21-28	Sat-Sat
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Jan 26	Thurs Night
----- February -----		
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Feb 2	Thurs Night
Ski Trip Lake Tahoe: Mark Beachle	Feb 4-11	Sat-Sat
Ptarmigan General Meeting: TBD	Feb 14	Tue 7:30p
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Feb 16	Thurs Night
Aspen, Co: Curt Johnston	Feb 25 - Mar 3	
----- March -----		
Ski Trip Crested Butte: John Meyer	Mar 5 -12	Sun - Sun
John Lennon Musical: Donna Westgate	Mar 11	Sat 8:00a
Ptarmigan General Meeting: Fullerton	Mar 14	Tue 7:30p
Ski Whiteface Lake Placid: Brian Nuss	Mar 16-19	Thur - Sun
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet: Linda Weaver	TBD	

Ski Parties at Blue Mountain

Jan 5th, 19th and the 26th; Feb 2nd and 16th.

Mark your calendar; all parties are on a Thursday Night. Come ski and then enjoy the party afterwards.

Parties are in the upper Blue Mountain Lodge on the first floor in the large club room. \$30 for all five parties, \$8 each party if you call in advance, \$10 at the door. Parties feature hearty foods, beer, wine, & soda. They are held in the evenings with serving about 7:30 or 8:00 PM and last until we go home or they turn the lights out (whichever comes first). To sign up for all parties, send your check for \$30 payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:

Noreen Reid, 4702 Oakwood lane, Nazareth Pa. 18064

For more information, contact: Noreen & Dennis Reed.
610-837-1780 nerdlr@enter.net

Come regardless of weather – ski & party or just party!

Fresh Tracks

Hi gang,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! (insert confetti and the sound of those paper horns here)

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, remembers at least part of your New Year's Eve celebration, and is off to a good start with those pesky resolutions we're all promising to keep this year! One of my resolutions is to be on the snow at least 30 days this year. So far, I'm off to a good start.

I had the opportunity to spend the December 16-18 weekend at Lake Placid and Whiteface. For those of you that don't remember, the Lehigh Valley was hit with rain, sleet, snow and ice on Thursday 12/15; I originally thought this would negatively impact the trip and cause my partner and I to leave later in the day. No worries – PA was all wet with warmer temps as Lake Placid was hit with one foot of fresh snow! That's right... one foot! It snowed all night Friday in to Saturday and gave us a fresh 2" to play with. The skiing, if you haven't guessed, was fantastic. And, in talking to a few locals, it appears this is the best start to the season that Whiteface has seen in many, many years. Skiing fresh powder, in December, on the East Coast... what a way to start my season!

We were able to take in an International Luge competition, visit the ski jumping facility and have a few drinks with future Olympians at Zig Zag's and Rumors on Lake Placid's Main Street. The weekend needed to be a little bit longer, but was full of great events nonetheless. It's making me even more excited for the Club Trip in March!

One reminder – Club Elections will be held at the January meeting on 1/10/06. Please come out, support your club, make your voice (and vote) heard, and spend some time with fellow Ptarmigans. If you're interested in running for a position, please contact Art Orach or Mary Laronge.

Ski ya later,

Brian Nuss, *President* - Ptarmigan Ski Club

Ski Trips for the '05/'06 Season

EPSC Sponsored*

Telluride, Co. Jan 21 – 25, 2006

Price: \$1449 per person DBL Occupancy
Includes: Bus RD Philly, RD Airfare PHL to Montrose, Co, Bus RD Mont. To Telluride, 7 nights at Wyndam Peaks Hotel, 5/6 day Lift Ticket, Welcome Party and much more.

Contact Bob Campbell 610-258-642

* Note that the Club has withdrawn its reserved seats but you can still go as a Ptarmigan Member, call Bob Campbell.

Member Sponsored

Whistler/Blackcomb B.C. Jan 21 – 28, 2006

Price: \$1089 to \$1319 pp Six to DBL Occ
Includes: RD Transport AL to Newark, RD Airfare to Vancouver, BC, RD Bus to Whistler, 7 nights accommodations at Blackcomb Mt. w/ski in access, 5/6 day Lift Tickets and Wednesday Party.

Contact Donna Westgate 610-774-4914

Lake Tahoe Feb 4 -11, 2006

Price: \$1098

Includes: RD Xfer from AL to Newark, RD Airfare to Reno, NV, 7 nights at Horizon Casino Hotel in South Lake Tahoe, 3 day Lift Pass, Welcome Party and more.

Contact Mark Baechle 610-820-9699

Snowmass (Aspen, Co) Feb 25 – Mar 4, 2006

Price: \$1379 pp DBL Occ at Stonebridge Inn,
or \$1499 pp 4/condo Terracehouse Condos

Includes: RD Xfer from AL to Newark, RD Airfare Newark to Eagle Co., 7 nights lodging, 5 day interchangeable Aspen Lift Tickets, Welcome reception.

Contact Curt Johnston 610-868-4750

Crested Butte Co. (Club Med) Mar 5 – 12, 2006

Price: \$1895 Resort View, \$1950 Summit View
Includes: Club Med all inclusive, RD Airfare Phil to Gunnison, Co. Xfer Gunn. to Crested Butte, 7 day Lift Ticket, 7 nights lodging, All Meals and Snacks, Evening entertainment and open bar.

Contact: John Meyer 610-395-8637

First Thursday at Callaghan's 6pm Jan 5th, Feb 2nd, Mar 4th

Ptarmigan Ski Club Night

Jack Callaghan's Ale House, 2027 Tilghman St. Allentown

Programs For This Year's General Meetings.

Jan. 10: Officer Elections. Program TBA.

Feb. 14: Bear Creek Night. Meet at Bear Creek Ski Area for \$10 lift tickets, munchies and a night on the slopes.

March 14: Video Night. A montage of pictures and video from Ptarmigan trips, activities and ski days.

NORTHEASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL RACE

Come on out Saturday, February 4, 2006 and participate in the Council Race at Blue Mountain. Registration is between 7:30 and 9:00 AM. in the Club Room. Just show up and register with Mary Mihalow.

Any member of Ptarmigan 21 yrs or older can race. No experience necessary, only a desire to have fun and ski with friends. The race will begin approximately 9:30 AM and last till about noon. Beer & Awards will follow in the Club room.

Prizes are awarded for many different categories.

Call Mary Mihalow (610-434-4776) for details .

Club Sponsored Trip: Lake Placid & Whiteface

March 16-19, 2006 St. Patty's Long Weekend
\$440/person members. \$456/person non-members

Contact: Brian Nuss 610-807-3580

powder-hound@verizon.net

Whiteface Mountain: host of the '32 & '80 Winter Olympics has the greatest vertical drop in the East: 3,430 feet. Whiteface features 73 trails, accessed by 10 lifts including 1 gondola. 44% expert, 36% intermediate, 20% beginner, 97% of the area covered with snowmaking. *Ride the Cloud-splitter Gondola, New High Speed Quad, Gladed Areas & Terrain Park!*

Trip Package includes:

Roundtrip Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation from Allentown, Full Breakfast Daily, 2 of 3 Day Lift Pass for Whiteface Olympic Mountain, Services of the on-site staff, 3 Nights Lodging at the Best Western Golden Arrow, All Taxes, Indoor Heated Pool, Hot Tub, and Full Service Health Club.

Editor's note: I skied Whiteface over Thanksgiving & Christmas, there's only one word for it – AWESOME!

Big Ski Montana - 2007

For those who like to look ahead. I will be running a trip To Big Ski Montana from Feb 24th to March 3rd 2007.

Details to be announced by July 2006.

The Bear, Curt Johnston

Ptarmigan Ski Club - 2006 Membership Application

Please complete the entire form, **date, and sign** it. We look forward to participating with you in the many Club activities. Make check payable to: **Ptarmigan Ski Club** and send your check and this form to: **Nena Hayden, 1236 Main Street #1, Hellertown, Pa. 18055. I'll send your card(s) to you if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** Otherwise, you can pick up your card at the monthly meetings. (If you supply an eMail address, please use UPPER CASE to avoid errors).

Last Name: _____
Spouse: _____
Address: _____
Phone(s): _____
E-mail: _____

First Name: _____
Children: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Sponsored by: _____

Membership Dues:

Renewal Before 10/31/05 \$16 Single, \$26 Family.

Renewal After 10/31/05

New Members \$20 Single, \$30 Family

Newsletter: If you provide an E-Mail address you will receive the Club Newsletter via E-Mail. If you also prefer to receive a Hardcopy (US Postal) check the Box below:

I prefer a Hardcopy Newsletter

Acknowledgement of Responsibility / Release of Liability:

The Ptarmigan Ski Club is a year-round sports and social club providing a variety of activities for its members. Participation in these activities can involve risk or personal injury. I fully accept and understand these risks and voluntarily assume all risks either known or not readily foreseeable. I agree to not hold the Ptarmigan Ski Club, its officers, board members, or any volunteers, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in any club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Adult member is responsible for each named minor and each adult must sign.

Give us Your Birthday - Help Advertise the Club - Maybe Win a Prize

Notify Al & Carol Koszi, phone 610-691-0967 or eMail koszi@aol.com. Give them your birth date, no year needed, just the month/day. You will be added to the list announced every morning at 6:50am and 8:20am on WAEB Radio. Your name will be mentioned as will as Ptarmigan Ski Club. Each name will be entered into WAEB's prize drawing.

The winner gets a cake from the Hamilton Family Restaurant.

Discount Movie Tickets

AMC TILGHMAN 8 MOVIE THEATERS

The price is \$5.50 for these vouchers. They are discount vouchers and NOT passes. If a new movie advertises "no passes" you may still use these vouchers. If the new movie advertises "no passes" or "no discount vouchers" then you will have to wait two weeks to view that new movie with the voucher or pay full price

CARMIKE 16 CINEMAS

Discount admission coupons are \$5.50 each. Discount tickets will not be valid for the first 14 days of any Sony Pictures release.

To order your discount movie tickets, send a self-addressed **stamped** envelope, your check made payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, the number of tickets you want and to which theatre.

Send to Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave. North, Allentown PA 18104. Tickets will be returned to you via US mail. Plan ahead and purchase a bunch. Please include your e-mail or phone number.

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Dated Material - Please Expedite

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Happy Hour Every Friday 5:30 pm

Come after work & join the fun!
 Get on the Happy Hour eMail list or submit suggestions.
 Contact Bill Ortner at wortner@att.net or (610) 799-2549

Ptarmigan Email Message Board

Stay in touch, find out about last-minute activities, ski-trips, etc.
 Joe McDermott at skiwriter03@yahoo.com for an invitation.

Got eMail? Get Newsletter. Get Ptarmigan Updates. Send your eMail address to: Nena Hayden at nenakochis1@rcn.com.